

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 6. This sheet, which includes Fig. 6, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-13 are pending; Claims 4, 5, 7, and 8 are amended; and Claim 3 is canceled by the present amendment.

The amendments to the claims place the application in condition for formal allowance. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Figure 6 was objected to, Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; Claims 3 and 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as unpatentable by U.S. Pat No. 3,773,644 to Tricoli et al. (hereinafter "Tricoli"); Claims 5-6 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Tricoli in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,506,438 to Whitaker; Claims 5-6 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Tricoli in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5160415 to Kondo; and claims 1-2, 4, 9-11 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants' acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of a telephone interview conducted on April 4, 2007 between Applicants' representatives and the Examiner. During the interview, Applicants' representatives discussed the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants' representatives discussed the flange part (1b) and the upper lid (17) in Applicants' Figures 4 and 5, respectively, and explained that either of the flange part (1b) and the upper lid (17) corresponded to Applicants' claimed support member. The Examiner suggested amending the claims to recite these features.

Claim 4 is amended to recite a support member "comprising one of a flange part and an upper lid." Support for changes to Claim 4 is found in Figures 4 and 5. Applicants' submit the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is rendered moot by the present amendment.

The rejection of Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is rendered moot by the present amendment.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) are rendered moot by the present amendment.

Figure 6 is amended to include the label "Prior Art" to overcome the objections to the drawings.

Consequently, in view of the present response, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-2 and 4-13 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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